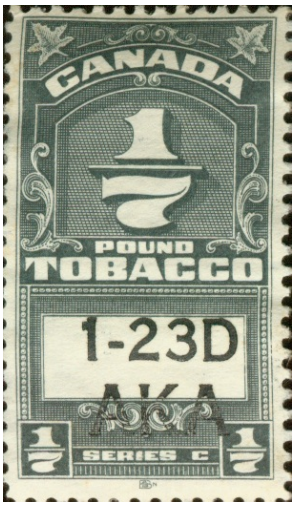
--- 1/7th Pound - Imperial Tobacco, Granby ---

Prior to the tabling of the 1st Wartime Budget in September 1939, the definitive 1/7th pound **RN-40** was already in circulation. The initial copy in the cancellation collection comes from February 1937. One of the original BABN printings from 1935, the hidden letter code is "E-O". On February 17th 1939, BABN reported that a plate contained 150 stamps – probably 15 x 10 impressions.

RN-40 - 1/7th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23-D / BHA** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby in February 1937

[RN-40]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1935	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1936	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1937	---	**BHA**	---	---	---	**CHB**	---	---	---	---	---	---
1938	---	---	---	---	---	**CIB**	---	**BIC**	**CIC**	**AID**	---	---
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BJC**	---	---	---	---

Apparently when the 1st Wartime Budget of September 1939 raised the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the production of the 1/7th pound pouch continued, until the Budget of June 1940 was tabled.



RN-40 - 1/7th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / AKA** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby in January 1940

[RN-40]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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1940	**AKA**	---	---	**AKB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Simply speculating, I think that the 1/7th pound stamp was used for *across Canada* distribution, while the 2/15th pound stamp was used on tobacco sold in *Montreal and its environs*.

The 2nd Wartime Budget of June 23rd 1940 raised the *excise dut*y on manufactured tobacco from 25¢ to 35¢ per pound. In response the manufacturers reduced the 1/7th pound pouch to 2/15th pounds. There was no further usage of the 1/7th pound stamp.

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